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Location: 2010-2010 1/2 Louisiana Avenue, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana.

USGS New Orleans West, Louisiana Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:
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Significance: The dwelling located at 2010-2010 1/2 Louisiana Avenue is a contributing element to the Uptown New Orleans Historic District, a 750 block area listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1985 for its state architectural significance for the period ca. 1820 to 1935. The two-story, Mission style building constructed in 1927 is an example of small-scale houses constructed during the final phase of the district's development.

Description: The Albert Duncan House is an intact two-story, three-bay, Mission style dwelling supported by a concrete and brick pier foundation and terminating in an intersecting gable roof. The symmetrical structure is raised resulting in a full-story basement level.

The exterior wall planes of the frame building that are visible from Louisiana Avenue are pargeted in stucco while the rear and portions of the side walls are clad in clapboards. The main entrance to the building is oriented toward Louisiana Avenue and is reached by way of a quarter turn stair with landing. An open, brick porch incorporating a shallow tudor arch and terminating in a gable roof with a clipped gable immediately adjoins the entrance. The front entrance to the building is supported by a shallow tudor arch; the entrance door has been removed.

The eaves of the intersecting gable roof are extended. The front roof plane is clad in terracotta tile; the remaining roof planes are sheathed in steel tab shingles. A brick, interior end chimney with straight stack is located on the northeast side of the dwelling.

Windows on the front of the structure are multi-pane, double unit wooden casements enframed by simple surrounds. Windows on the sides of the structure are six-light-over-two-light, double hung wooden sash enframed by wooden surrounds. The rear of the building includes a projecting second story sleeping porch that includes several window types.

The second story of the dwelling incorporates the principal living area. The dwelling adopts an irregular plan. Interior features of note include a projecting fireplace centrally located on the northeast wall of the living room. This element incorporates a heart-shaped opening constructed in brick. Interior wall surfaces are plastered and painted white. All floors, with the exception of the kitchen and sleeping porch, are finished in narrow oak boards. Rooms are accented by simple board baseboards. Interior doors are two panel units enframed by simple surrounds and cornice moldings.

History:

Albert Duncan, an African American bricklayer who formerly lived in the Uptown district at 2816 Clara, owned and occupied 2010 Louisiana from the date of its construction in 1927. In that year, the city connected water and sewerage lines to the new house. In successive city directories, Duncan is listed first as a bricklayer or brickmason, then as a mason contractor (1952-1953), and finally as a concrete contractor (1956).

Duncan occupied the house along with his wife, Beatrice. The couple rented their basement, converted into an apartment (2010½ Louisiana), to a series of tenants. The Albert Duncan estate retained ownership of the dwelling until 1991.

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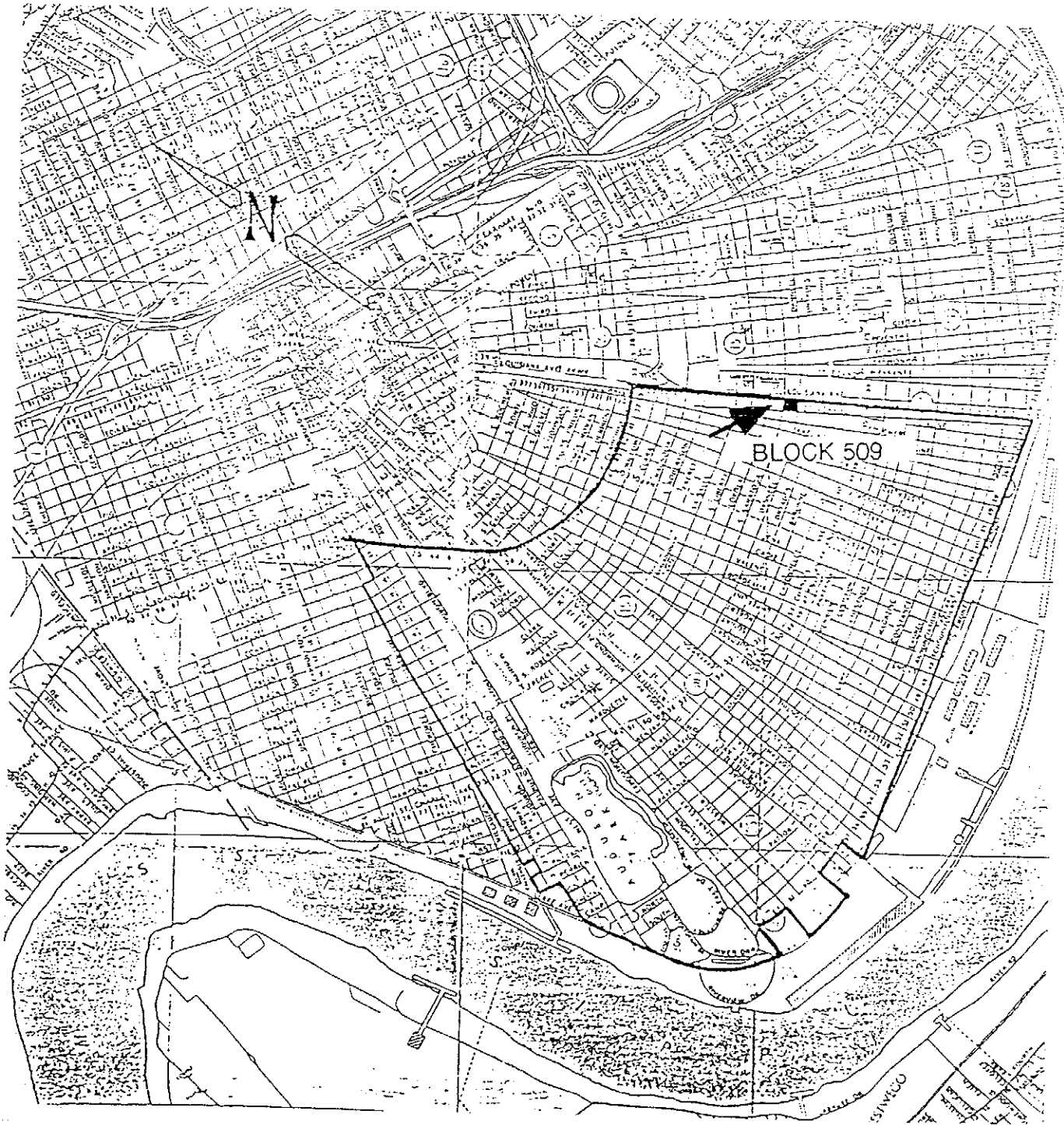
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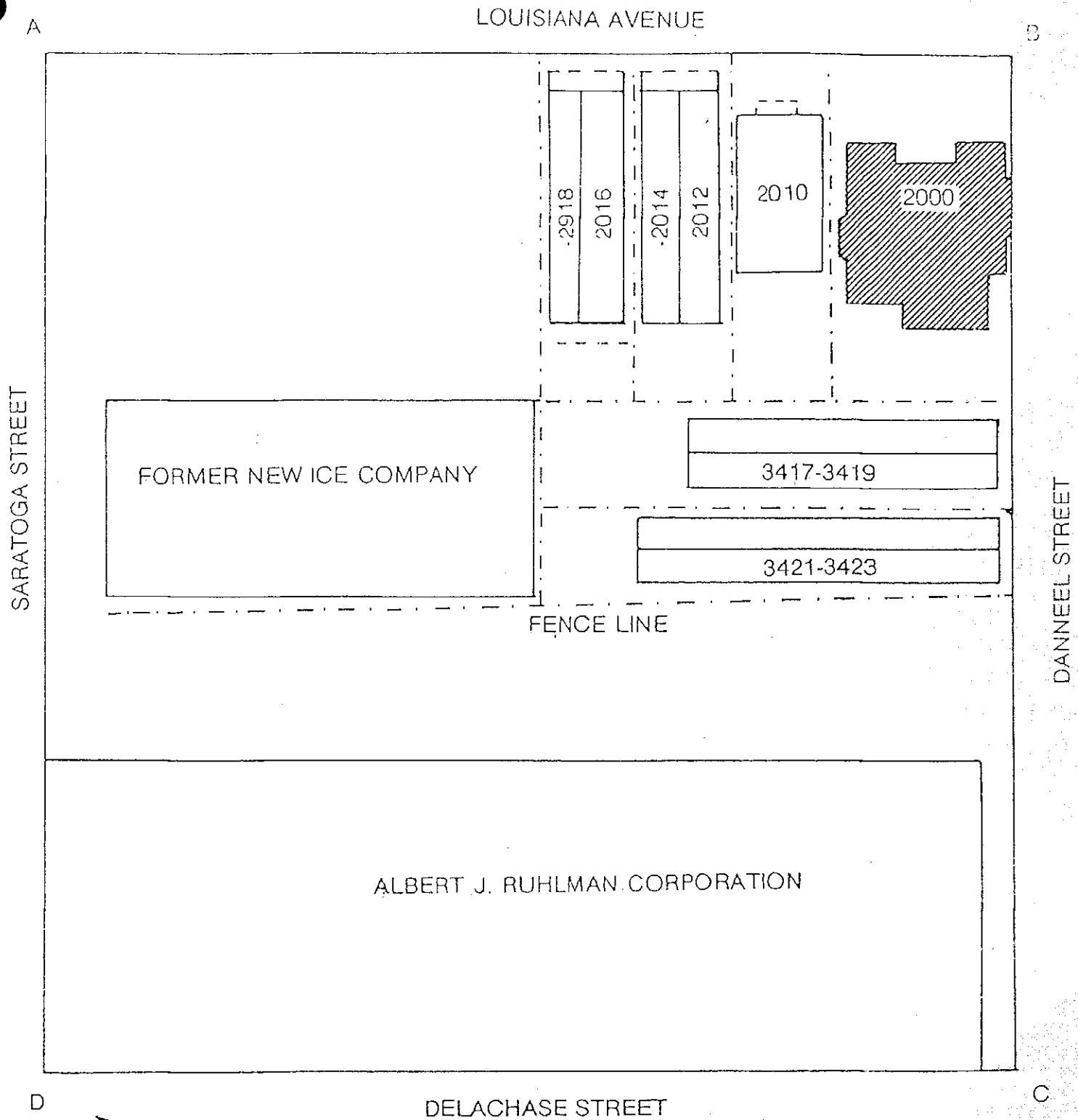
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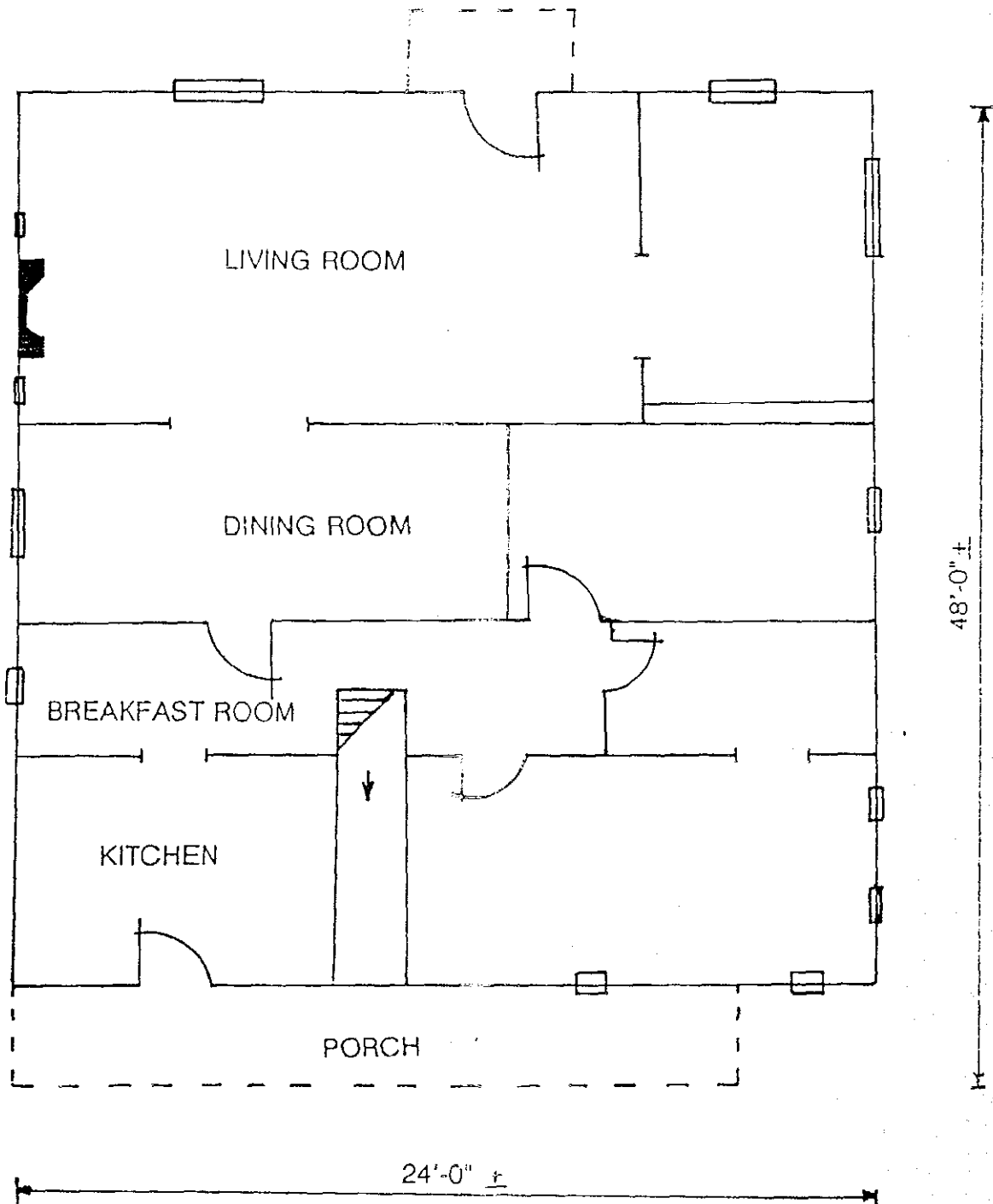
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